

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 11, 2021

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6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Singer called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PRESENT Chairperson David Singer, Vice Chairperson Otis Wheeler, Councilor Shelia Gilmour, Councilor Christine Forgey, Erin Donnally Drake and Allen Woods.

ABSENT John Lunt.

ALSO PRESENT Members of the public.

CHAIR STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the Charter Review Committee. If any other persons present were doing the same they must notify the chairperson at this time.

The Committee members discussed the 1st draft of the proposed Charter Review Report prepared by Chairperson Singer. Comments included:

- It was suggested to review Public Safety Commission section again.
- Exhibits referenced in the Draft still need to be shared with the Committee.
- If Greenfield were to decide on the proposed change to Rank Choice Voting, a Charter Commission would need to be formed under MGL Chapter 43B.
- The Charter should include more clarification on issues where the language describing explanations and procedures were deemed too vague.
- Were all of the Committees and Commissions formed by the City of Greenfield required to be listed in the Charter; what other Committees should be included (i.e., Greenfield Housing Authority, Greenfield Reinvestment Authority, and Human Rights Commission.)
- Research and review the Charter again for any language or sections that could be considered obsolete or in need of updating.
- Timeline as to when the Charter Review report would be forwarded to the City Council. Should it be soon, or should the Committee take another dive in to the Charter.
- Chair asked the committee members to submit comments and proposed language to the 1st draft within a week of the next scheduled Charter Review Committee meeting. Suggestion made to have all members weigh in on Draft Report and then the Committee will also provide a separate summary where members could also weigh in with individual reflections. Also, the Appointments & Ordinances Committee was ready to do a broad review of the Ordinances, so the timing for the Charter Report could be helpful.
- The City Council may want an opinion from the City Attorney in regards to Rank Choice Voting.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 1, 2021, 5:30 pm, via Webex Conferencing System.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Forgey, it was by roll call, 6 yes, 0 no,

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:04 P.M.

